



Arizona Department of Public Safety

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Arizona Department of Public Safety arrests Earl Simmons aka “DMX” for criminal speeding on the Loop 101

On May 6th at about 3:00pm Arizona Department of Public Safety Officers arrested Rapper/Actor Earl Simmons better known as “DMX” at his residence in Cave Creek on charges of racing on a highway, reckless driving, two counts of endangerment and three counts of criminal speed and driving on a suspended license.

On January 21st 2008 at approximately 8:24pm Simmons was photographed by stationary cameras on the northbound lanes of the Loop 101 driving a 1966 Chevy Nova II at a speed of 100 miles per hour. One minute later as his car reached the Loop 101 at Cactus, cameras recorded Simmons speed at 114 mph. Less than three minutes later Simmons was caught on camera at 101 miles per hour. The posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour.

After a period of investigation, DPS Officers made the arrest of Simmons yesterday at his home. Mr. Simmons was cooperative. He was booked into the Scottsdale City Jail and bonded out today. His case was forwarded to the Scottsdale City Prosecutor’s Office.

“This is an important arrest. Criminal speeding endangers the lives of everyone on the road. Mr. Simmons wasn’t signaled out because of his notoriety, we have made several arrests in the last few months of those people who flagrantly violate the speed limit and therefore endanger the lives of everyone else on the road. The photo enforcement program on the Loop 101 is making a difference with safety out on the highway,” said Roger Vanderpool Director of the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

We still photos of Mr. Simmons caught by photo enforcement cameras. We will send them out separately upon request.

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